

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first heading before paragraph [0001] as follows:

~~Description~~ BACKGROUND

Please insert the following heading before paragraph [0005]:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] The An object of the present invention is to provide a three-dimensionally shaped flat cable and a method for its manufacture which avoids the disadvantages of the known approaches and which allows in the intermediate step the manufacture of dimensionally stable flat cables which are only placed in their place of installation in a second step.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] According to the present invention, ~~the object is achieved by~~ a flat cable made of a laminate ~~which~~ includes at least one conductor track enclosed between two insulation layers, and at least one support layer, which are connected to one another via an adhesive layer, the laminate being applied to a positive die and shaped by applying heat and pressure and fixed in its three-dimensional shape by cooling to below glass temperature T_g of the adhesive layer or by hardening the adhesive layer. Such a 3D flat cable is also storable as an intermediate part prior to installation. The support layer may be made of metal foils, plastic sheets, or porous layers.

Please insert the following heading after paragraph [0015]:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading before paragraph [0016]:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] The present invention is subsequently explained in greater detail based on Fig. 1 and the examples.

Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph [0016]:

[0016.1] Fig. 1 shows a three-dimensionally shaped flat cable includes a laminate including (a) at least one conductor track 12 enclosed between two insulation layers 14, 16 thus defining a flexible flat cable, FFC 10, (b) an adhesive layer 20, and (c) at least one support layer 30.

Please replace the first line of page 8 with the following:

~~Patent claims:~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: